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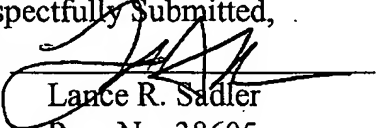
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Method for installing new operating system on a target computer, the method comprising:

- +installing a pre-installation environment
- +rebooting in the pre-installation environment
- +deleting the old OS
- +installing the new OS
- +rebooting in the new OS

2. claims: 25-34

A method for notifying a user of an upcoming OS installation comprising:

- +notifying a target computer user of an intend to deploy a new OS the target computer
- +providing a user an option to postpone the deployment

3. claims: Claim 35-49

A method for creating an operating system image comprising:

- +creating an OS image
- +creating a image package containing a deployment environment
- +distributing the image package

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